

(ITEM NO. ) A Resolution by Supervisor West in support of efforts to redesign the Milwaukee County Mental Health System and create a Mental Health Redesign Task Force to provide the County Board with data-driven implementation planning, by recommending adoption of the following:

### **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, over the last year-to-two years, abundant discussion has surrounded the topic of mental health service delivery in Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the community interest, perceived issues, and on-going program development led to the release of a number of studies and suggested plans related to the organization and delivery of mental health services in Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, included in the aforementioned studies and plans are the following:

- Sheriff Site Safety Audit, prepared by the Office of the Sheriff, dated June 28, 2010;
- *Transforming the Adult Mental Health Care Delivery System in Milwaukee County*, by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), released in October 2010;
- Patient Safety Audit, prepared by the Department of Audit following a request from Milwaukee County Board Chairman Holloway, released in October 2010;
- Mixed Gender Patient Care Units Study, prepared by a workgroup of Behavioral Health Division (BHD) staff at the request of the Chair of the Health and Human Needs Committee, advisory report presented January 26, 2011;

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WHEREAS, in addition, the Milwaukee County Board created a Community Advisory Board (File No. 10-213) in May 2010, to convene for one year and provide recommendations regarding safety, linkages with community services/supports, communications with patients and families/patient rights, and patient-centered care; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County 2011 Adopted Budget contained provisions directing the Department of Health and Human Services to examine possible mental health service-delivery changes, including:

- 46                   ▪ A plan to downsize Hilltop, Milwaukee County's Title XIX certified facility  
47                   for persons with developmental disabilities;  
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49                   ▪ A study of crisis capacity in Milwaukee County;  
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51                   ▪ Work with the State to create policies to implement 1915i, a continuing  
52                   Federal revenue source from CMS, in Milwaukee County while alleviating  
53                   financial risk;  
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56               WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board also created the New Behavioral  
57 Health Facility Study Committee (File No. 10-322), a special committee of five County  
58 Supervisors to make recommendations regarding a new behavioral health facility,  
59 whose final report is due June 1, 2011; and  
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61               WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board approved (File No. 11-81/11-49) a plan  
62 authored by Chairman Holloway, creating a mental health care pilot project to develop a  
63 model for a managed care system with small facilities in the community; and  
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65               WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Board and New Behavioral Health Facility  
66 Study Committee are due to issue their final recommendations prior to expiring in June  
67 2011; and  
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69               WHEREAS, the aforementioned plans and proposals create an excellent  
70 foundation for a redesign of the mental health system in Milwaukee County; and  
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72               WHEREAS, due to the quantity of inter-related proposals, mental health redesign  
73 has become complex, and careful consideration is needed to ensure that redesign  
74 implementation is inclusive, comprehensive, and systematic; and  
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76               WHEREAS, the structure depicted in the attached Mental Health Redesign Task  
77 Force, with appointed membership from BHD and stakeholder organizations, would  
78 collaborate to coordinate the various proposals into implementation recommendations;  
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81               WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of April  
82 13, 2011, recommended approval of the said resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,  
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84               BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
85 supports the overall principle of integrating mental health care into the community; and  
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87               BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board directs the  
88 Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator,  
89 Behavioral Health Division, to create and make appointments to the attached Mental  
90 Health Redesign Task Force from the stakeholder organizations; and  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mental Health Redesign Task Force shall coordinate recommendations from the various mental health proposals listed below, in order to create a data-driven implementation plan for the mental health redesign in Milwaukee County, which shall be submitted for review and approval by the Milwaukee County Board:

- Community Advisory Board
- New Behavioral Health Facility Study Committee
- Chairman Holloway Mental Health Pilot Project
- HSRI Report
- Department of Audit Patient Safety Audit
- Sheriff Site Safety Report
- Mixed Gender Unit Study
- 2011 Budget Initiatives (Hilltop downsize planning, crisis capacity study, and 1915i)

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to issuing its overall implementation plan, the Mental Health Redesign Task Force shall keep the County Board informed of its efforts through the submittal of quarterly reports to the Committee on Health and Human Needs, with the first report, detailing committee membership and anticipated planning structure and timeline, due in the June 2011 cycle.